

Werner Elementary School
5400 Mail Creek Lane
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Minutes of the PTA General Meeting

May 10, 2011

Call to Order Meeting was called to order at 6:25 pm by President Tiffany Haag.

Welcome & Introductions President Haag welcomed everyone and the officers introduced themselves.

Review of Minutes Rhonda Robinson moved to approve the April meeting minutes. Seconded by Ann Zollman. All were in favor. Approved.

Treasurer's Report Dena Ewan gave the Treasurer's Report.

Money going in and out for the past month:

Odyssey of the Mind – \$500

Teacher Appreciation - \$575

Yearbook - \$6000 in and \$6000 out – won't make money on yearbook

Copier use – \$1500

Art Boards (Still have about \$300 of the \$5000 given to Specials teachers last year.)

A little income coming in from King Soopers and Werner Family Night.

Proposing giving Werner 12,000 to give at their discretion. Principal Camp is proposing \$7,000 netbooks/software/cart – would tie into tech plan and would give us around 30 net books, to be used for 4th grade. All 5th graders will get them through the bond. It will be enough for two classrooms at a time. The other part of the \$12,000 will be used for long range planning of furniture purchases.

Principal's Report **Update on the Mission/Vision Sharing that took place in February, 2011.**

- 35 parents and staff came out in February.
- They have taken that information and the information from the staff collaboration day (40 or so staff) and 5th graders input. Took that information last Friday to council and brainstormed next steps.
- They are getting a small team together to start drafting information on mission/vision statement.

Staffing Plan

- Basically going to a 4 track system K-5. Specials and Literacy will be back to 100%. Also a math tutor position. Our biggest challenge now is space.
- 1 retirement; Hiring for 7 positions (5 new people, 4 of which are already hired)
- Averaged around 250 applications per position. There are many great quality candidates out there to interview.

Technology

- Technology is being upgraded from the mill bond money. Essentially all computers that are six years old or older will be replaced. Then, they will be rotated out every four years. Will also be getting 80 – 90 netbooks for 5th grade.
- Goal in next three years – every classroom outfitted with smartboard, document camera and projector.
- Principal Camp said we are very grateful for the mill bond money.

New Business

Budget Requests

We have a couple of budget requests.

- 2 identical requests – the tables are on sale until tomorrow and come with free shipping
 - Cindy Ufer (4th) – Kidney Table - \$147
 - Jamie Mekelburg (4th grade) - Kidney Table - \$147
 - Dena Ewan said that we have \$500 of teacher request money left in our budget.
 - Rhonda Robinson moved to approve both requests for kidney tables. Ann Zollman seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was approved.
- First grade team – Weekly Readers \$472 (would provide a subscription for all first graders next year)
Discussion took place on whether every class uses the Weekly Readers. Do most parents mind paying the \$4. One comment was that if we do it for the first grade, we should do it for all the grades. Since it will be for next year, it can be requested in next years budget.
 - Dena Ewan motioned to deny money for the Weekly Readers and defer it on to the next budget year. Chris Marston seconded the motion. All were in favor of denying the request. The request was denied.

Connie Johnston thanked the PTA for the incubator that the PTA approved in January. She is so happy because she got two chicks. She said, “The curse is broken. Thank you PTA!”

2011-2012 Budget (see handouts)

Dena Ewan reviewed the budget proposal for 2011-2012.

Chris Marston motioned to approve the budget as is. Ann Zollman seconded the motion. All were in favor. Approved.

Officers Elections for 2011-2012

Enrichment VP – Ann Zollman

Events VP – Rebecca Creech

Programs VP – Kristin Stephens-Mivshek

Volunteer Program VP – Chris Lotito and TBD

Treasurers – Julie Almquist and Mindy Griggs

Secretary – Lori Everhart

Appointed Positions (not elected)

Principal Advisor – Hayden Camp

Teacher Liaison – Connie Johnston

Ann Zollman motioned to approve the slate of officers for 2011-2012. Kathy Bergo seconded the motion. All were in favor. Approved.

Will be removing Tiffany Haag, Rhonda Robinson, Wendy Banks, and Dena Ewan as they are no longer officers. All were in favor. Approved.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Speaker Series: "Growing Green Thumbs...engaging your child in Gardening" presented by Christine Ginnit, Youth Program Coordinator at The Gardens on Spring Creek. Gardening with your kids is a fun, engaging way to spend family time together and share the joys of watching seeds grow into flowers, vegetables and cultivate a lifelong passion for the outdoors.